

109TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# S. 3276

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 26, 2006

Mr. NELSON of Nebraska (for himself and Mr. JOHNSON) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

### 3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Emergency Energy As-  
5 sistance for Disabled Veterans Act”.

### 6 **SEC. 2. VETERANS BENEFICIARY TRAVEL PROGRAM.**

7 (a) **ELIMINATION OF DEDUCTIBLE.**—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (c) of section  
2       111 of title 38, United States Code, is repealed.

3           (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Subsection  
4       (b)(1) of such section is amended by striking “Ex-  
5       cept as provided in subsection (c) of this section and  
6       notwithstanding” and inserting “Notwithstanding”.

7       (b) DETERMINATION OF MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT  
8       RATE.—

9           (1) DETERMINATION.—Paragraph (1) of sub-  
10       section (g) of such section is amended to read as fol-  
11       lows:

12       “(1) In determining the amount of allowances or re-  
13       imbursement to be paid under this section, the Secretary  
14       shall use the mileage reimbursement rates for the use of  
15       privately owned vehicles by Government employees on offi-  
16       cial business, as prescribed by the Administrator of Gen-  
17       eral Services under section 5707(b) of title 5.”.

18           (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Subsection (g)  
19       of such section is further amended by striking para-  
20       graphs (3) and (4).

21       (c) SOURCE OF FUNDS.—Such section is further  
22       amended by adding at the end the following new sub-  
23       section:

1       “(i) Funds for payments made under this section  
2 shall be appropriated separately from other amounts ap-  
3 propriated for the Department.”.

4       (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
5 this Act shall apply with respect to travel expenses in-  
6 curred after the expiration of the 90-day period that be-  
7 gins on the date of the enactment of this Act.

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